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1. In 1941-42 Samarkand had no heavy industry of any type. Between the old and new sections of town there were a few light industry plants such as food-processing factories, etc. Sanitary conditions were poor. Running water was available only in the center of the city. Otherwise wells were used. There were no flush toilets; all were outside. There were no septic tanks. There was a very serious typhus epidemic in 1941. Hospitals were completely inadequate to handle this. The old city consisted mostly of adobe houses. The new city had many stone and frame buildings, but only the municipal and oblast buildings and a few others were of sturdy, modern construction.
2. In the municipal offices about 70% of the employees were Uzbek and 30% Russian. In the oblast offices only about 30% were Uzbek and the rest Russian. Some of the Uzbeks in and out of the government seemed to be pro-Soviet, but my impression was that the majority were anti-Communist. Specifically, the schoolmaster with whom I lived said he wished Hitler would take over. He indicated others felt the same way.
3. I am attaching a rough sketch of Samarkand. At one time I was quite familiar with the town. ~~XX~~

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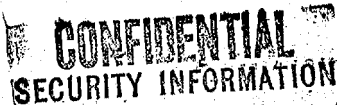
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